course is designed to train working executives in international business management;

(ii) A regional centre of 11 FT is being set-up at Kolkata where a two-year full time MBA(IB) course is proposed to be launched in 2006. Other courses will also follow;

(iii) IIFT is also offering a number of short-term courses to meet specific demands;

(iv) MFT also plans to start on-line Management Development Programmes to cover a large spectrum of people interested in international business management;

(v) The training centre has been established to cater to the needs of SMEs.

Loss to Indian exports due to Katrina

2285. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian export has suffered due to Hurricane Katrina in US when shipping companies refused to accept shipment to many US ports affected by Katrina; and

(b) the total estimate of loss suffered in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No incidents of shipping companies refusing to accept shipments to a US port affected by Hurricane Katrina have come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Steps to convert low yielding tea areas to high yielding ones

2286. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether two lakh hectares have been identified as low yielding areas for tea production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and